

REMARKS

Claims 33-38 and 40-57 are pending in this patent application. By this amendment, claims 33-36, 40-43, 46-50, 53, and 56 have been canceled, and claims 37, 38, 54 and 57 have been amended. Reconsideration of this patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 37, 38, 44, 45, 51, 52 and 55 were allowed. However, note that claims 37 and 38 have been amended to address a couple grammatical matters.

Claims 54 and 57 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Such rewriting has been done in accord with the Examiner's suggestion. Thus, claims 54 and 57 are believed to be in proper form for allowance.

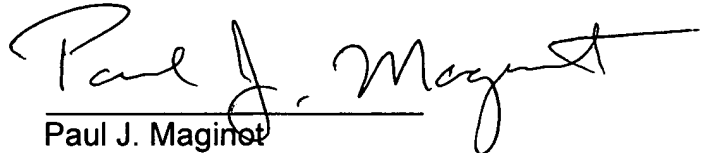
35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 33-36, 40-43, 46-50, 53, and 56 were rejected under either 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103 over certain prior art references. These claims have been canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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